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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FEDERAL MATCHING FUND REGULATIONS 1954-55

1. Pennsylvania's allocation of Federal Matching Funds for civil defense for the federal fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 is $895,362.00. The major portion of this sum will be made available for use by counties, cities, boroughs, towns and townships of the Commonwealth.

2. According to recently released regulations of the Federal Civil Defense Administration, matching funds have been tentatively allocated for the following general purposes in the listed amounts:

(a)	Communications	$490,000
(b)	Warning Device Systems	215,462
(c)	Engineering	75,000
(d)	Rescue Services	36,200
(e)	Training & Education	35,700
(f)	Health & Special Weapons	18,000
(g)	Public Information & Education	15,000
(h)	Emergency Welfare	10,000

(The Federal Civil Defense Administration has not allocated any funds this year for use in the purchase of fire engines or firefighting equipment.)

3. Detailed information concerning the matching fund program is set forth in the Federal Civil Defense Administration's Manual M25-1 Revised, (dated October, 1954) entitled "Federal Contributions". All county civil defense directors herewith are being furnished copies of this manual.

(Manual M25-1 Revised, dated October 1954 does not basically differ from Manual 25-1 Revised, dated October 26, 1953. However, we suggest that you use only the later edition in preparing your applications, as the criteria for eligibility has been changed in some instances and new services have been added.)

4. All applications for matching funds must be:

(a) Filed on official application forms (Federal Civil Defense Administration Form 233, Parts I, II, III);

(b) Prepared in strict accordance with instructions contained in "Federal Contributions Manual M25-1 Revised"; and

(c) Submitted to the State Council of Civil Defense, through Local and County Civil Defense Directors, prior to March 15, 1955.

(Special Note) The Federal Civil Defense Administration will accept applications for matching funds only from the State and its recognized political subdivisions. Each and every application must bear the signature and title of a recognized State or local government official. Incomplete or improperly prepared applications will be returned to the applicant for correction.

5. Each political subdivision filing a formal application for matching funds will receive an acknowledgment of receipt of said application when it reaches this office.

(The State Council of Civil Defense has no authority to approve or disapprove any application. The State Council merely checks the application for accuracy of preparation and forwards it to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, which alone has the power to approve, or disapprove, the request submitted.)

6. In order to facilitate the filing of applications, a representative of the State Council of Civil Defense will visit various parts of the State to furnish application forms and answer questions concerning details of the current matching fund program. The schedule of meetings is attached.

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